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MONITORING PROTEASE INHIBITOR
ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY AND
GUIDING THERAPEUTIC DECISIONS
IN THE TREATMENT OF HIV/AIDS

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Docket No.: (Formerly 59597-A)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the final Office Action mailed December 3, 2002, in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow.

In this response, the Amendments to the claims begin on page 2, while the remarks begin on page 4.

Applicants submit herewith:

- 1) A Petition for Four Months' Extension of Time.